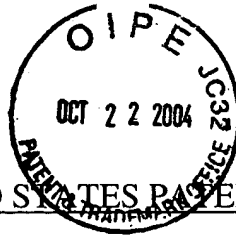


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction/Election Requirement mailed September 24, 2004, Applicant elects Species (2), FIG. 16, without traverse. Claims 4, 7-9, and 13 read on the elected Species (2).

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